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1. FCO (POWELL) ADVISES THAT OUR REQUEST FOR CLEARANCES HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY MOD AND FCO, AND THEY REGRET THE DELAY IN THEIR REPLY. A FORMAL REPLY WILL BE SENT LATER. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS AN INTERIM REPLY.

2. AT THIS TIME, THEY CANNOT GIVE CLEARANCE FOR GAN ISLAND BECAUSE OF THEIR AGREEMENT TO MINIMIZE USE OF THE LANDING FACILITIES. UK USE OF THESE FACILITIES IS LIMITED TO PURPOSES OF COMMONWEALTH DEFENSE. FURTHER, GAN ISLAND HAS NO AVGAS SUPPLIES. FCO CONSIDERS THAT SINCE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE ON DIEGO GARCIA THAT WE MAY WISH TO USE THESE FACILITIES.

3. SINCE ASCENSION ISLAND AIRFIELD IS VIRTUALLY UNDER CONTROL OF U.S., FCO FEELS THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY IN GETTING FINAL CLEARANCES. NO DIFFICULTY IS ANTICIPATED ON THE CLEARANCES FOR THE SEYCHELLES, BUT FINAL CLEARANCES WILL HAVE TO AWAIT CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNOR OF THE ISLANDS.

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